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1. METHINKS THINE RIGHT HAND KNOWETH NOT WHAT THINE LEFT DOETH.
2. FOR FOUR MONTHS WE HAVE BEEN TRYING TO DETERMINE OUR STATUS IN OXCART PROGRAM. CAJOLING, COAXING AND CANDY HAVE BEEN USED TO NO AVAIL. BRIBING, BOMBAST AND BOASTING ARE FOREIGN TO OUR NATURE. WE CAN'T EVEN OBTAIN PERMISSION TO UTILIZE ALREADY CLEARED PERSONNEL FOR ESSENTIAL PRELIMINARY WORK.
3. NOW COMES REFERENCE MESSAGE WITH REQUEST THAT WE QUOTE ORIENT UNQUOTE OUR THINKING ON WEB PROCESSING TOWARDS OXCART. PERHAPS WE SHOULD REVIEW THE BIDDING.
4. AT PRESENT WE HAVE NO RPT NO AUTHORIZATION TO EXPEND ANY OF YOUR FUNDS ON WEB PROCESSING. OUR OWN EFFORTS ARE AIMED AT DEVELOPMENT AND PERFECTION OF THE BASIC PROBLEMS AND GENERAL TECHNIQUES OF THE PROCESS AND NOT AT ANY SPECIFIC USE.
5. WE OFFERED TO WORK WITH YOU IN AN ATTEMPT TO DEVELOP EQUIPMENTS SUITABLE FOR HANDLING CHAL FILM IN AN EFFORT TO MINIMIZE THE PRESENT PROBLEMS IN FIELD PROCESSING. WE WARNED THAT WE ENVISIONED SIMPLE

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EVEN CRUDE EQUIPMENT AND ALL ESTIMATES HAVE BEEN BASED ON THIS APPROACH.

6. WHILE IT IS TRUE THAT WE HOPE THAT MUCH OF WHAT WE LEARN WILL BE OF VALUE IN HELPING TO SOLVE THE PROBLEMS OF FUTURE PROGRAMS, OUR FEELING IS THAT OXCART, AS AN EXAMPLE, WILL REQUIRE DIFFERENT FILMS, DIFFERENT CHEMICALS AND MUCH MORE ELABORATE AND SOPHISTICATED TECHNIQUES AND EQUIPMENTS TO PRESERVE THE QUALITY EXPECTED IN THE ORIGINAL NEGATIVE.

7. WE FURTHER REITERATE THAT WE ARE NOT PREPARED TO RELINQUISH IN THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE FULL CONTROL OF WEB PROCESSING BECAUSE OF THE UNCERTAINTIES INHERENT IN THE PRESENT STATE OF THE ART.

8. IN PLAIN ENGLISH, OUR PROPOSAL DID NOT ENVISION APPROACH REQUESTED BY REFERENCE. THIS APPROACH CANNOT BE DONE WITHIN EXPECTED MONEY OR TIME SCALE AND IN ANY EVENT IS PUTTING CART BEFORE THE HORSE.

END OF MESSAGE

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